

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 1, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Nancy McCaffree was absent, but left her votes with the Chairman.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(194) In the matter of CUT BANK GAS COMPANY Docket D2000.4.55; On April 13, 2000, Cut Bank Gas Company requested authority to increase rates to its customers in order to reflect all cost increases granted to the Montana Power Company in Docket D99.8.176, Order No. 6197c. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the increase. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(195) In the matter of MCI Telecommunications Corporation, N2000.4.56; On April 7, 2000, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal letter No. 99-24 proposing revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. MCI is requesting to increase the existing directory assistance rate to \$1.49 and to add a \$0.10 per minute charge to the directory assistance section for directory assistance calls made by non-MCI customers and completed by a directory assistance operator. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the increase. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(196) In the matter of T-00.34.ST; On March 27, 2000, Clark's Tours, Inc., Red Lodge, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9388 to Red Lodge Shuttle LLC, Red Lodge, Montana. The application was noticed on April 5, 2000. No protests were received.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the transfer. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(197) In the matter of T-00.35.ST; On March 27, 2000 Robert J. Kipper, Richard D. Massengale, Daniel R. Warden and Joseph W. Yuricic dba Limousines of Helena LLP, Helena, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 9020 to Treasure State Transit, Inc. dba Limousines of Helena LLC, Helena, Montana. The application was noticed on April 5, 2000. No protests were received.

Class B - Passengers by limousine between all points and places within a fifty (50) mile radius of Helena, Montana, and within all points and places in Jefferson County; also from all of the foregoing points to all points in Montana, and from all points in Montana to all of the foregoing points. Limitations: 1) Transportation is limited to nine (9) passengers and further limited to limousine transportation only. 2) Transportation as a jitney or taxi is prohibited. 3) Reservations for limousine service must be made at least eight (8) hours in advance. 4) Transportation which originates in Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Granite, Powell, Beaverhead, Ravalli and Cascade Counties is prohibited; however, transportation which originates in Jefferson County or points within a fifty (50) mile radius of Helena and which is performed as a continuous round trip movement to points in Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Granite, Powell, Beaverhead, Ravalli, and Cascade Counties and return may be performed.

Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the transfer. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(198) In the matter of T-00.2.PCN; On December 20, 1999 Phyllis Powell Ruana dba Memories Limousine filed an application for a Montana intrastate certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on January 6, 2000. Protests were received. Applicant requests that the application be withdrawn and the docket closed.

Class B - Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Ravalli and Missoula County, Montana.

Commissioner Feland moved to grant the request to withdraw application and close Docket. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

(199) In the matter of TN2035 - Schelko, Inc. dba Silver Eagle Shuttle Co., Nashville, Tennessee requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9352 for a final six month period, May 17, 2000 to November 27, 2000.

Class B - Passengers in charter service between all points and places in Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties, Montana, on the one hand, on the other all points and places in Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone, and Big Horn Counties, Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-one (21) passengers or less and no more than twenty-two (22) persons in the vehicle, including the driver. (2) All transportation services must be provided in vehicles

capable of transporting more than seven (7) passengers (including the driver). (3) transportation as a jitney or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance. (5) No transportation under this authority by luxury limousine automobile.

Commissioner Feland moved to grant the suspension. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner McCaffree voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair (via telephone)
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(200) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. UNE Deaveraging and AT&T's objections to data requests – Docket Nos. D99.12.277/D96.11.200; Commissioner Rowe moved to: overrule USW 1 & 3 as to 1st part; sustain copy providing and overrule USWC 5. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to sustain PSC 14e, 16b as moot, overrule 16e (denied), overrule 18a (denied), rephrase 19c and 21c. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe moved to sustain 16d (submit revised) and sustain 17c (submit revised questions). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a 3-1-1 vote. Commissioners McCaffree, Anderson and Fisher voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented. Commissioner Feland abstained.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Bonnie Lorang, Jay Driscoll

(201) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. 271 Case – N2000.2.20; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize staff to continue to explore involvement in collaborative process. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(202) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Transportation MV-4 Liability Endorsement Form; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised form MV-4. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott, Laura Calkin

(203) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff travel; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve out-of-state travel for Bonnie Lorang to Wyoming, to attend 271 Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, May 4, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner (via telephone)

Commissioner McCaffree was absent, but left her proxy to Chairman Fisher for Item #203. Commissioner McCaffree did not leave a vote on Item #204.

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson, Kate Whitney, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel

(204) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc./ Qwest Merger Conditions – Docket No. D99.8.200; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare a final order consistent with staff recommendations. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Fisher voted Commissioner McCaffree aye.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt

(205) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Angelo Moreno, dba A&K Moving, Butte – Docket No. T-00-20.PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the appointment of Robin McHugh as hearing examiner for the May 5, 2000 scheduled hearing due to conflict of interest by Chairman Fisher. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary
ATTEST:

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 8, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was speaking in New Orleans, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(206) In the matter of MCI Telecommunications Corporation, N2000.4.60; On April 21, 2000, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal letter No. 99-26 proposing revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. MCI is requesting the following revisions: to change the name of MCI Everyday Savings to MCI Everyday Classic; To grandfather MCI Everyday Classic; to introduce MCI Everyday Savings; To add a new card rate to the Basic Calling Plan Option 2; to introduce MCI One Savings Calling Card Plan; To reinstate the Calling Card Plan for MCI One Advantage, MCI Everyday Classic and MCI Everyday Plus; To make formatting changes; to reduce the Calling Card per minute peak rate to \$.07 for MCI Everyday Plus; and to introduce a new Calling Card pricing structure for MCI Anytime. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(207) In the matter of T-00.32.OTSC; On March 28, 2000 an Order to Show Cause was issued to Wayne Overhuls, Columbus, Montana, PSC No. 2558, for failure to file required cargo insurance. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and received by the motor carrier on April 12, 2000. There has been no response from the motor carrier.

Class B - Livestock between all points and places in the State of Montana.

Class C - Houses and buildings of all types and sizes between all points and places in the State of Montana.

Class B - Property between Columbus, Montana, and Roberts, Montana, via Luther.

Limitations: Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) from Columbus, Montana and Roberts, Montana via Luther to all points and places in the State of Montana and from all points and places in the State of Montana to Columbus, Montana and Roberts, Montana via Luther.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to cancel PSC No. 2558. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(208) In the matter of T-00.31.OTSC; On March 28, 2000 an Order to Show Cause was sent to Terry McIntosh dba Hi-Line Transportation, Havre, Montana, PSC No. 9406, for failure to reactivate following twelve consecutive months of suspension. The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail and received by the motor carrier on April 5, 2000. There has been no response from the motor carrier.

Class A – Passengers between Havre, Montana and Great Falls, Montana regularly serving the intermediate points of Big Sandy and Fort Benton and with on-call service to Box Elder, Loma and Carter, Montana.

Commissioner Feland moved to cancel PSC No. 9406. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(209) In the matter of T-00.36.RI; On March 30, 2000 Red Lodge Shuttle LLC, Red Lodge, Montana, PSC No. 9388, filed an application to increase rates and charges in Passenger Tariff No. 1 of between zero and three hundred thirty-three percent. The rate increase was noticed to the public on April 14, 2000. No protests have been received. Staff recommends approval.

Class B - Persons and baggage (1) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana; and (2) between all points and places in Carbon County, Montana on the one hand and on the other hand all points and places in the State of Montana.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(210) In the matter of T-00.37.RI; On March 28, 2000 A-1 Ambulance, Inc., Butte, Montana, PSC No. 4261, filed an application to increase rates and charges in Passenger Tariff No. 1 of between fifty and eighty-two percent. The rate increase was noticed to the public on April 14, 2000. No protests have been received.

Class B - Nonambulatory wheelchair persons and very occasionally people of ambulatory nature between points and places in Silver Bow, Lewis and Clark, Deer Lodge, Jefferson and Beaverhead Counties, Montana.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the rate increase. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(211) In the matter of TN2036; C.B. Geier, Helena, Montana, requests permission to suspend PSC No. 3584 for six months, April 23, 2000 to October 23, 2000.

Class C - Property within the City of Helena, Montana and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles thereof. Limitations: Transportation service as an intermediate carrier between two line haul carriers, except pickup and delivery service within the City of Helena, Montana is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Anderson moved to suspend PSC No. 3584 for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 8, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was speaking in New Orleans, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

(212) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West/Qwest Merger – Final Order 6199d – Docket No. D99.8.200; Commissioner Feland moved to grant the withdrawal of AT&T and McLeod from the case. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Feland moved to approve Final Order No. 6199d. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney

(213) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Klabzuba Oil and Gas – Protective Order – N2000.4.59; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the protective order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(214) In the matter of Marathon Ashland Pipeline – Docket No. D2000.4.50; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the name change and approve the rate increase. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, David Burchett

(215) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Energy West Montana – Montana Consumer Counsel (Data Responses 36 & 37) Objections to EWM 1999 Tracker; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a Notice of Commission Action that the responses be treated as a supplemental response. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(216) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone – Notice of Complaint if approved – Docket No. D2000.5.63; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to notice the complaint Ronan v. Blackfoot, et. al. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(217) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Class D Landfill Closure Rule, ARM 38.3.130 –L-00.2.2-RUL; Commissioner Feland moved to adopt alternative A. Motions died for lack of a second. Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt Alternative B. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioner's Fisher, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner's Feland and McCaffree

dissented. After some discussion, Commissioner McCaffree asked that the minutes be corrected to show she had voted incorrectly on the second motion. The vote is corrected to record her “aye” vote to adopt Alternative B. Vote ends as 4-1. Commissioner’s Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Feland dissented. There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 the following Quorum members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Leroy Beeby

(218) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Fairmont Hot Spring – Initial Water Rates – Docket No. D99.4.86; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Final Order No. 6162d. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 15, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Bozeman at the Burns TeleCommunications Centers, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(219) In the matter of U S Communications/3 Rivers Fiber Optic, D2000.2.24; The Interconnection Agreement between U S West and 3 Rivers Fiber Optic, Inc. is an "opt-in" to the agreement between U S West and Covad Communications. Along with the Agreement U S West and 3 Rivers filed Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement consistent with and making the changes required by the Commission's order in U S West/Covad (Docket No. D99.3.68, Order No. 6175). A draft order approving the amended agreement was circulated electronically. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the draft order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(220) In the matter of US WEST Communications, N2000.4.62; On April 26, 2000, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 00-AC01. US West is requesting to revise language regarding modification of bulk Bill CCL at times other than the end of a quarter. The current tariff language only allows change at the end of a quarter. In order to avoid future conflicts, the company is requesting the language be modified. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff change. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(221) In the matter of L-002.2-RUL; Commissioner McCaffree requests that her vote taken at the work session held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 in the above-referenced docket, Landfill Closure Rule, be amended from "No" to "Yes". The amendment of the vote does not alter the outcome of the motion. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the vote change. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(222) In the matter of T-00.23.PCN; On February 9, 2000 Ronald Ray Fletcher dba

Uptown Cab Co., Sidney, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The protestant has withdrawn.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places in Richland County, Montana. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the application. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(223) In the matter of TN2037; Charles R. Irvin, Shelby, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 1086 to Dick Irvin, Inc., Shelby, Montana for one year, May 25, 2000 to May 25, 2001.

Class C - Property in Oilmont, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city. Limitations: The transportation of property between points served by rail carriers, or between points served by a motor carrier operating between fixed termini or over a regular route, is prohibited. Transportation of ashes, waste, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

Commissioner Feland moved to grant the request to lease PSC 1086 for one additional year. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(224) In the matter of T-00.42.AR; Lynn J. Labatte dba L & L Sanitation, Culbertson, Montana, Montana PSC No. 5039 has submitted a Verified Statement showing that all garbage transportation during 1999 was conducted on an interstate basis, from Froid, MT and Bainville, MT to Williston, North Dakota. A determination must be made if the Verified Statement is acceptable for the 1999 annual report filing.

Class D - Garbage and solid waste within the City of Culbertson, and a 20mile radius thereof.

Class D - Garbage within the town of Bainville, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to accept the verified statement. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on May 16, 2000 the following Quorum members were present:

Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Bozeman at the Burns TeleCommunications Centers, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary on this item.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(225) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone, Reciprocal Compensation Tariff – Docket No. D2000.1.14; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant Ronan's Motion for a New Procedure Date. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Bozeman at the Burns TeleCommunications Centers, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dave Burchett

(226) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications, Inc. – Competitive Response Tariff – Docket No. D2000.2.21; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the Procedural Order directing USWC to supplement its initial filing with an application discussing the legal basis for the filing and testimony supporting the filing (filing due date will be June 30). Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(227) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid-Rivers ETC Wibaux Exchange – Docket No. D99.11.250; Commissioner Feland moved to deny the request for Late Intervention and grant Mid Rivers request for Protective Order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(228) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC – Extension of existing generic protective orders; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant USWC's Extension of Existing of Existing Generic Protective Order until August 16, 2000. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Kate Whitney, Jay Driscoll, Bonnie Lorang

(229) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC 271 – Notice of Filing and Opportunity to Intervene – Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to issue a Notice of Filing and Opportunity to Intervene. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(230) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Angelo Moreno / Household Goods Application for Public Convenience and Necessity – Docket No. T-00.20.PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to dismiss the application. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1. Commissioners McCaffree, Rowe, Anderson and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Fisher abstained.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott, Wayne Budt

(231) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Marla Larson to attend the OSS Workshop in Denver, Colorado, June 1 and 2, 2000 . Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(232) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Public Comments by E-Mail and Out-of-Cycle Meeting Procedures; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the procedures set forth by staff for Comments by E-Mail. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the 48-hour out-of-cycle work session notice to 3 days. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was in Bozeman at the Burns TeleCommunications Centers, and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(233) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Riedlinger Investments, Inc., dba Yellowstone Taxi Service – Docket No. T-00.1.PCN; Commissioner McCaffree moved to continue the hearing to a future date. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, May 18, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Denise Peterson, Dan Elliott, Will Rosquist

(234) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Order of District Court, Second Judicial District (Silver Bow), Cause No. DV00-40, MPC (Montana Power Company) vs. MPSC (Montana Public Service Commission) , MCC (Montana Consumer Counsel) & LCG (Large Customer Group); Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize staff to pursue further review, including an appeal and/or Motion to Amend. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Rowe, Anderson and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioner Feland dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, May 22, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the World Forum on Energy in Montreal, Quebec, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(235) In the matter of MCI WORLDCOM Docket No. N2000.5.65; On May 1, 2000 MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 99-27 with changes to its Montana Tariff No. 2 to introduce a calling card plan for MCI One savings Calling Card. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff changes. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(236) In the matter of US WEST Docket No. N2000.4.61; On April 26, 2000, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 00-17 and 00-PLT01, "Clarification of Customer Payment Options and Partial Rule Waiver-Electronic Billing". US WEST said this filing was made to meet the needs of many customers who find it more convenient to pay their monthly telephone bill by credit card or by automatic electronic funds transfer. This filing clarifies the terms and conditions relating to customers payment options and the application of a charge of \$11.80 for payments returned for insufficient funds or on a closed account. In addition, US WEST has requested a partial waiver of Rule 38.5.3332(1)(a) ARM, which requires "typed or machine-printed bills". This waiver is only for those customers who choose to receive an electronic bill. The electronic bill will be in the same format as the printed, paper bill and will contain all of the information required by Commission rule. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff transmittals 00-17 and 00-PLT01. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(237) In the matter of TN2038; John and Carma Sinerius dba Just an Experience, Virginia City, Montana request cancellation of PSC No. 9217, effective immediately.

Class B – Passengers between all points and places within Madison County. Limitations:
1) Transportation shall originate and terminate in Virginia City, Nevada City, Ennis, or West Fork of the Madison, Montana. 2) Transportation is limited to four wheel drive

vehicles. 3) Transportation is limited to seasonal operations only commencing May 15th and continuing through November 30th of each year.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the requested immediate cancellation of PSC No. 9217. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe voted aye.

(238) In the matter of TN2039; Kurtz Sanitation, Inc., Glendive, Montana requests permission to split PSC No. 2740 for leasing purposes. PSC No. 2740 presently reads:

Class D – Refuse within the City of Glendive, Montana and a twenty-five (25) mile radius thereof.

Authority to be retained by Kurtz under PSC No. 2740:

Class D – Refuse within the City of Glendive, Montana and a twenty-five (25) mile radius thereof. Limitation: Operations between all points and places within five (5) air miles on both sides of Interstate 94, beginning at the Prairie County/Dawson County Line and ending at Interchange 198 southwest of Glendive, Dawson County, Montana is prohibited.

To be reissued for leasing purposes under PSC No. 9420:

Class D – Refuse between all points and places within five (5) air miles of both sides of Interstate 94 beginning at the Prairie County/Dawson County Line and ending at Interchange 198 southwest of Dawson County Montana.

Commissioner Feland moved to grant permission to split PSC No. 2740 and approve the re-issue. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(239) In the matter of TN2040 – Kurtz Sanitation, Inc., Glendive Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9420 to the Town of Terry, Terry, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000;

Class D – Refuse between all points and places within five (5) air miles on both sides of Interstate 94 beginning at the Prairie County/Dawson County Line and ending at Interchange 198 southwest of Dawson County, Montana.

Commissioner Feland moved to grant permission to lease for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(240) In the matter of TN2041 - Flathead Disposal, Inc., Ronan, Montana, as owner/lessor and Dan Tromp, Marc Johnson, Stuart Rubel and Robert McCrea a Partnership, dba Mission Valley Disposal, Ronan, Montana, as lessee, mutually request a

termination of the lease of PSC No. 2870 effective immediately

Class D - Garbage and refuse, authorized to serve an area whose eastern, western and southern boundaries are defined as the arc on the circumference of a 35 mile radius circle whose center originates at Polson, Montana and whose northern boundary is defined as a cord of the 35 mile radius circle running tangent to a 10 mile radius circle whose center originates at Ronan, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to terminate PSC No. 2870. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(241) In the matter of TN2042 - Flathead Disposal, Inc., Ronan, Montana requests permission to lease

PSC No. 2870 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000.

Class D - Garbage and refuse, authorized to serve an area whose eastern, western and southern boundaries are defined as the arc on the circumference of a 35 mile radius circle whose center originates at Polson, Montana and whose northern boundary is defined as a cord of the 35 mile radius circle running tangent to a 10 mile radius circle whose center originates at Ronan, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the lease of PSC 2870 for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(242) In the matter of TN2043 - Marc W. Johnson, Ronan, Montana, as owner/lessor and Flathead Disposal, Inc, Ronan, Montana, as lessee, mutually request the termination of the lease of PSC No. 1448 effective immediately.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matter within the town of Ronan, Montana, and between all points and places within a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Limitations: Transportation is prohibited within a three and one half mile (3.5 mile) radius of the junction of U.S. Highway 90 and U.S. Highway 93 (approximately 3.5 miles south of Evaro hill), with the EXCEPTION of movements which originate in that area and terminate in Ronan, Montana, or originate in Ronan and terminate in the 3.5 mile radius area.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the termination of lease of PSC No. 1448. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(243) In the matter of TN2044 - Marc W. Johnson, Ronan, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 1448 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matter within the town of Ronan, Montana, and between all points and places within a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. Limitations: Transportation is prohibited within a three and one half mile (3.5 mile) radius of the junction of U.S. Highway 90 and U.S. Highway 93 (approximately 3.5 miles south of Evaro hill), with the EXCEPTION of movements which originate in that area and terminate in Ronan, Montana, or originate in Ronan and terminate in the 3.5 mile radius area.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 1448. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(244) In the matter of TN2045 - Verlan W. Smith, Hot Springs, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 6369 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000.

Class D - Garbage, brush and solid waste within the City of Hot Springs, Montana and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof. Limitations: Transportation is prohibited within the Town of Plains, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

Commissioner Feland moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 6369 for a period of six months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(245) In the matter of TN2046 - Marc W. Johnson dba Northwest Disposal Service, Ronan, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 2714 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000.

Class D - Garbage and refuse, authorized to serve an area whose eastern, western and northern boundaries are defined as the arc on the circumference of a 35 mile radius circle whose center originates at Polson, Montana; and whose southern boundary is defined as a cord of the 35 miles radius circle running tangent to a 10 mile radius circle whose center originates at Ronan, Montana; including the town of Creston, Montana and points intermediate between Big Fork, Montana and Creston, Montana; and between Big Fork and Lakeside, Montana on the county road and U.S. Highway 93; and serving the United States Air Force radar base located near Lakeside, Montana. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized. Limitations: Service within corporate limits of the City of Polson, Montana is prohibited. Transportation of household goods under Rule 31 is prohibited.

Class D - Garbage and refuse, between all points and places from Bigfork, Montana to the Missoula County line down Seeley Swan Highway by way of Highway 326 and Highway 209. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 2714 for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(246) In the matter of TN2047 - Weston Lee MacDonald and Sandra M. MacDonald, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, Polson, Montana request permission to lease PSC No. 1842 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000.

Class D - Ashes, trash, waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, organic and inorganic matter within an area 3 miles south and/or west of U.S. Highway 93 from Polson Bridge to where Highway 28 intersects U.S. Highway 93 in the town of Elmo, Montana, bounded on the north and/or east by the shores of Flathead Lake and from the afore-described territory to certified landfills.

Class D - Garbage within the town of Polson, Montana, and a one-half (1/2) mile radius thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 1842 for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

(247) In the matter of TN2048 - Gary Eugene Plouffe dba Plouffe Disposal Service, St. Ignatius, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 3329 to BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., Missoula, Montana for a six month period, May 22, 2000 to November 22, 2000.

Class D - Garbage and refuse within St. Ignatius, Montana and between points and places within seven (7) miles thereof. Carrier is allowed to transport authorized commodities to certified landfills from territory authorized.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the lease PSC No. 3329 for a period of six months. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioners Rowe and Anderson voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the World Forum on Energy in Montreal, Quebec, but left their votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Joel Tierney

(248) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Regional Service – Waiver of (E) Master Meter Rule – Docket No. D2000.3.39; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the waiver of (E) Electric Master Meter Rule. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Feland voted aye. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner McCaffree who voted him aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(249) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC / Citizens Sale of Exchanges – Objections to Data Requests – Docket No. D2000.1.11; Commissioner McCaffree moved to accept staff recommendations for denials and sustainings. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

USWC's Objections:

Deny general objections as lacking specificity. No basis on confidentiality since information can be provided under the Protective Order

Deny objection to PSC 19: (Provide analysis and workpapers to support why USWC chose to offer the 10 exchanges). USWC answered the identical question in the sale of exchanges docket (D93.5.23). Reasonably designed to lead to relevant evidence on whether the sale is in the public interest.

MCC Data Requests:

Deny general objections as lacking specificity. No basis to grant objections. No basis on confidentiality, since information can be provided under the Protective Order.

Deny objection to MCC 16: (Bids for exchanges – provide. Explain why Citizens' the best offer). Reasonably calculated to lead to relevant evidence. Goes to the public interest.

Citizens' Objections:

PSC data requests:

Deny objection to PSC 51(b) – (current total federal US support by separate category for Citizens' service areas). Not overly broad, PSC authority to inquire into the business of utilities, want to know practice, it is public information, in NECA reports, but burdensome.

PSC 61 – (provide information, documents from DMR Consulting Group). Agree to seek disclosure waiver from DMR.

PSC 68(b) – (volume discounts in current service territories) Staff modifies Q, so less burdensome. "If Citizens does provide any volume or other discounts in any of its current service territory, please provide examples of terms, conditions and prices of a representative range of discounts available to subscribers in other states".

PSC 76(c) – Staff agrees that Q is vague and modifies as follows: "What is the average number of Citizens' access lines per local exchange (not local calling area) for total Citizens' service area (system wide)."

PSC 76(e) – Sustain objection with reservations. (# of access lines per local calling area for each of 10 exchanges for sale).

Joint Intervenors:

J1-015 – J1, Stipulated to sustain and deny in part and overruled to the extent that Citizens will provide the results of the calculations.

Montana Consumer Counsel:

MCC 18 – Sustain the objection (271 test)

MCC 20 – Citizens agrees to, provided the information it has on service measurements in its Montana exchanges.

MCC 22 – Deny Objection, contains undefined term and is too vague to answer. Direct Citizens to answer question rephrased by MCC as "Will Citizens adopt all rate agreements for services provided in the transferred exchanges which were entered into by USWC prior to the sale?"

MCC 24 - Deny objection on the grounds of trade secret (Citizens agrees to provide under the Protective Order)

MCC 26(a) and 26(b) – Deny objections: (a) provide financial analysis (viability studies, rate of return studies), workpapers used in decision to purchase; (b) provide financial and operating data provided by USW-Citizens. Trade secret information can be provided under a protective order, and request is reasonably likely to lead to relevant evidence on how the proposed transfer may affect rates and long-term reliability of service. It is within the scope of the proceeding. Citizens has not identified with specificity any attorney-client privilege.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCaffree, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioners Rowe and Anderson were attending the World Forum on Energy in Montreal, Quebec, and did not vote on the following item.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Scott Fabel

(250) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Wireless and CenturyTel – Interconnection Agreement – Docket No. D2000.2.25; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement between Montana Wireless and CenturyTel. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 30, 2000, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Administrator
Utility Division

(251) In the matter of USWEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket No. N2000.5.72; On May 19, 2000, USWest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-19 to introduce a usage charge of \$0.26 on 800 ServiceLine calls that originate from payphones. This introduction consistent with a 1997 FCC mandate that orders compensation to payphone services providers for calls that are not collected at payphone origination sites. Commissioner Feland moved to approve the amended tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(252) In the matter SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. Docket N2000.5.74; On May 23, 2000, Sprint Communications Company filed changes to its Price List No. 1, its 123rd Revised Page 1. The changes are to introduce Sprint Business Late Fee, a late fee of 1.5% on payments not received within 30 days of the invoice date, where capabilities exist. Commissioner moved to . Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, May 30, 2000 the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was speaking in Fargo, North Dakota but left his vote with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(253) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company Sale; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare Protective Order for Touch America. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(254) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Dakota Utility – Universal System Benefits Program (USBC) – Docket No. D99.2.29; Commissioner Feland moved to approve MDU's USBC plan with modifications as outlined by staff in memorandum dated 5/24/2000. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, Feland and Anderson voted aye. Commissioner McCaffree dissented. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Marla Larson

(255) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Wibaux Exchange) – Docket No. D99.11.250; Commissioner Feland moved to grant the designation with conditions as outlined in the May 25, 2000 memorandum and further moved to accept the stipulation as filed. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson, Jay Driscoll, Scott Fabel, Kate Whitney

(256) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US West Communications – Qwest/US West Merger – Docket No. D99.8.200; Commissioner McCaffree moved to

grant the request for clarification as explained by staff. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(257) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of PSC Fee Rules – L-99.6.7-RUL; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the Notice of Adoption of the Proposed Repeals and Amendments. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

(258) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Reidlinger Investments, dba Yellowstone Taxi Service – Docket No. T-00.1.PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to grant the amended authority and dismiss the protests by 4x4 Stage and Cody Bus Lines. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe left his proxy to Commissioner McCaffree who cast him aye.

(259) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ron Davis, dba Extreme Limousine – Docket No. T-00.5.PCN; Commissioner McCaffree moved to affirm the Hearings Examiner Dismissal of the application. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin

(260) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out-of-state travel; Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve out-of-state travel for Bonnie Lorang to attend the 706 Joint Conference hearings in Denver, Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyoming – June 22-23, 2000. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, Tuesday, May 30, 2000
the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Feland, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was speaking in Fargo, North Dakota and did not vote on this item.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh

(261) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Wireless and Blackfoot Telephone – Joint Application to approve Interim Agreement between Montana Wireless and CenturyTel – Docket No. D2000.3.35; Commissioner Feland moved to approve the Interconnection Agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)